



# Distillate Watch

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## SUPPLY

- Production of distillate fuel oil remained at an average of 3.9 million barrels per day (MMBD) for the week while the four-week average remained at 4.0 MMBD. Production of heating oil averaged 1.1 MMBD for the week and the four-week average. Imports of distillates, high- and low-sulfur, averaged 0.3 MMBD, with heating fuel accounting for 62 percent of the volume. Demand for distillate fuel averaged 3.7 MMBD for the week and 3.8 MMBD for the four-week average.
- For the third consecutive week, stocks of distillate fuel oil increased, totaling 140.3 million barrels (MMB) by December 7, 2001. Diesel fuel inventories rose 1.7 MMB to 77.1 MMB while heating oil stocks rose an additional 0.6 MMB to end the week at 63.1 MMB. Total inventories ended the week well within their normal range and significantly higher than last year's unusually low level.

### Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					High Sulfur (Greater than 0.05% Sulfur) Week Ending				
	11/16/01	11/23/01	11/30/01	12/07/01	12/08/00	11/16/01	11/23/01	11/30/01	12/07/01	12/08/00
East Coast (PADD I)	558	525	508	484	479	246	231	219	276	270
Midwest (PADD II)	850	889	861	853	895	168	178	185	192	200
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,904	2,058	1,943	1,940	1,734	609	625	516	526	676
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	148	137	175	148	132	28	15	36	22	23
West Coast (PADD V)	481	474	441	494	503	98	86	66	95	129
U.S. Total	3,941	4,083	3,928	3,919	3,743	1,149	1,135	1,022	1,111	1,298

### Distillate Stocks<sup>1</sup> by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					High Sulfur (Greater than 0.05% Sulfur) Week Ending				
	11/16/01	11/23/01	11/30/01	12/07/01	12/07/00	11/16/01	11/23/01	11/30/01	12/07/01	12/07/00
East Coast (PADD I)	57.0	59.4	61.8	62.1	41.8	39.0	39.7	41.7	41.9	25.2
PADD IX	10.8	11.6	11.3	10.9	6.4	8.4	9.0	8.7	8.5	4.7
PADD IY	33.7	35.2	36.8	38.8	24.0	25.0	25.8	26.5	28.3	16.4
PADD IZ	12.5	12.6	13.7	12.4	11.3	5.6	5.0	6.5	5.1	4.1
Midwest (PADD II)	25.8	28.3	28.8	29.4	29.9	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.7	8.1
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	33.2	32.7	31.7	33.1	33.5	11.2	12.3	10.4	10.9	12.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
West Coast (PADD V)	11.9	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.1	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.5
U.S. Total	130.5	135.6	138.0	140.3	119.7	60.0	62.3	62.5	63.1	48.8

<sup>1</sup> Distillate fuel oil stocks held in the Northeast Heating Oil Reserve are not included. For details, see Appendix D in the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: [Infoctr@eia.doe.gov](mailto:Infoctr@eia.doe.gov).  
Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR)*.

## PRICES

- Distillate spot and futures prices moved downward last week, following the trend in global crude oil markets, largely attributed to ongoing uncertainty about cooperation from non-OPEC oil exporters with OPEC's proposed output cut. Growing crude oil and product inventories, along with warm temperatures thus far in the heating season, were also seen as factors contributing to weaker prices. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil fell 6.32 cents to 47.68 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price dropped 4.00 cents to 49.00 cents per gallon.
- Retail on-highway diesel fuel prices continued their decline for a twelfth straight week, falling 2.1 cents to 117.3 cents per gallon as of December 10, 2001. The average was 40.4 cents lower than a year ago, and the lowest since August 9, 1999. Heating oil prices also continued their decline, as the average residential price stood at 115.2 cents per gallon, down 0.7 cent from the December 3 mark of 115.9 cents. The residential average price remained well below the level of one year ago, down 40.9 cents from the December 11, 2000 price of 156.1 cents per gallon.

### No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	11/19/01	11/26/01	12/03/01	12/10/01	12/11/00	11/19/01	11/26/01	12/03/01	12/10/01	12/11/00
New York	51.75	51.65	54.75	<b>48.68</b>	100.25	51.00	50.90	54.00	<b>47.68</b>	99.73
Chicago	56.88	60.65	61.50	<b>51.35</b>	88.05	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	49.35	49.28	53.18	<b>46.22</b>	85.55	48.65	49.15	52.05	<b>45.45</b>	84.85
Los Angeles (CARB)	59.00	57.50	53.00	<b>49.00</b>	107.50	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

### No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes\*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	11/19/01	11/26/01	12/03/01	12/10/01	12/11/00	11/19/01	11/26/01	12/03/01	12/10/01	12/11/00
East Coast (PADD I)	124.0	121.5	119.4	<b>118.6</b>	160.4	119.0	117.8	117.1	<b>116.7</b>	158.8
PADD IX	135.6	133.9	131.3	<b>131.4</b>	175.7	116.9	115.3	<sup>R</sup> 114.6	<b>114.5</b>	156.5
PADD IY	133.4	131.0	128.6	<b>127.0</b>	171.9	122.1	121.1	120.5	<b>119.8</b>	162.2
PADD IZ	118.9	116.3	114.3	<b>113.9</b>	154.1	109.7	108.5	107.8	<b>106.6</b>	145.8
Midwest (PADD II)	126.0	123.0	119.8	<b>117.4</b>	151.9	106.5	104.4	<sup>R</sup> 101.8	<b>99.9</b>	135.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	119.2	116.4	114.2	<b>112.9</b>	151.5	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	128.6	125.9	121.3	<b>116.9</b>	161.8	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	133.9	130.3	125.9	<b>121.4</b>	178.5	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
California	137.7	133.9	130.0	<b>124.7</b>	183.2	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
U.S. Average**	125.2	122.3	119.4	<b>117.3</b>	157.7	118.0	116.7	<sup>R</sup> 115.9	<b>115.2</b>	156.1

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

\* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

\*\* Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA = Not Available.

R = Revised.

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